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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a piston ring comprising a slit forming a joint, a bearing surface, an inner peripheral surface, and upper and lower flanks extending thereinbetween. An inconstant cross-sectional interruption is provided in the region of the inner peripheral surface and, seen from the peripheral direction, is larger in the region of the joint than in the region which diametrically opposes the joint. The wall thickness of the inventive piston ring varies in the peripheral direction and is smaller in the region of the joint than in the region which diametrically opposes the joint. The relation between the wall thickness and the cross-sectional interruption is always such that the piston ring has a constant torsional angle, seen over the periphery.